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Christmas in Wartime

In all the nineteen centuries since the Prince of Peace went to death at Calvary, no previous Christmas has found a world so racked with war, so stained with blood, so blackened with hate, as this Christmas of 1941. It is easy, in this year of 1941, for the skeptic to read mockery into a cheery "Merry Christmas!" on the anniversary of the birth of the Man whose greatest commandment was that men should love one another. Yet in reality the magic and the magnificence of Christmas seems most impressive as a deathless thing of the human spirit when tragedy lies across the world. Nothing has ever been able to stay the universal warmth of the universe at Christmas.

In Dickens' Christmas Carol, when Scrooge tells his nephew that "every idiot who goes around with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding," the nephew replies: "I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time when it has come round

— apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, or anything belonging to it can be apart from that — as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely. . . . And therefore, Uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and so I say, God bless it!"

That simple, eloquent expression of the meaning of Christmas applies to men of good will in wartime America today as it applied to the England of Dickens a hundred years ago and the England of today — and it will apply to men of good will a hundred years from now. "It has done us good, it will do us good — and let us say, God bless it!"

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Yule Decoration Hints Given By U. C. Instructor

LOS ANGELES — Outside decorative art should have the same restraint and the same good taste as indoor decorations, is the admonition given by Mrs. Louise P. Sooy, associate professor of fine arts at the Los Angeles campus of the University of California to Southern Californians who this week are decorating homes and gardens for the Christmas season.

Persons who would never dream of breaking an interior decorating rule go to very odd lengths when decorating the outside of a house, declares the University art instructor who is also lecturer in interior decoration for the University's Extension Division.

"Home owners should dramatize the outstanding architectural feature of the home and in decorating for the holiday season, emphasis should be placed upon important structural parts of the house. For instance, in most houses, and especially those in the English style, one should always emphasize the doorway, because that is apt to be one of the most beautiful aspects and, in addition, to decorate the doorway stresses the idea of hospitality for the season."

"Another point to be observed in outdoor decoration is the fact that it is much better taste to decorate one beautiful tree than to string lights from point to point which is apt to give a home a commercial appearance."

"If everyone remembered to consider suitability to the home, restraint, and emphasis upon some focal point, with the rest of the outdoor design definitely subordinated to it, we should have a final test for good taste in outdoor decorating. By that it is not meant that the Christmas spirit should be entirely subordinated to strict rules for decoration, for after all, it is the season of gaiety and too many inhibitions might spoil the very spirit we are seeking to capture," says Mrs. Sooy.

HELP POLICE

The national emergency has placed an unprecedented burden on the local law enforcement officials. This they are unselfishly attempting to handle by working longer hours, eliminating days off, and cancelling all vacations. You may help in this work by obeying all laws, especially those pertaining to traffic. Drive and walk defensively!

Woman, 90, Teaches Dancing BOSTON (U.P.) — Mrs. Lilla Viles Wyman, 90, believes she must be America's oldest active dancing teacher. After 55 years of terpsichorean tutoring, she retains a lively interest in her profession.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

CLARA ESTON, L.A. waitress, describing blackout fears:—"Once I was absolutely sure I saw big Jap bombers coming right over — till all of a sudden it flapped its wings! Then I was sure it was a seagull!"

SABURO KIDO, Berkeley, pres. Japanese American Citizens League:—"Our duty as American citizens is clear. We shall serve the United States of America. The die is cast. It is not a question of being for or against China. It is that we are for America."

MARIE L. FOSTER, music director, S.F.:—"A man sings in the bathtub because by singing he can fortify himself for the day against an inferiority complex and in the meanwhile lose his inhibitions and express his innermost feelings."

GOVERNOR OLSON — "The sentiments of the United States would be better represented if we withdrew our recognition of the Vichy government and recognized the De Gaulle French movement."

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Fewer New York Grapes ITHACA, N. Y. (U.P.) — The New York state grape crop is estimated at 56,800 tons, a reduction of 25 per cent from the 1940 harvest. State-grown potatoes, peaches and pears are also expected to be sub-normal this year.

BLACK BLIGHT Speaking of blackouts, Prof. Everts A. Graham of the American College of Surgeons predicts recurrence to the darkages if Nazi influence becomes dominant.

MARINE CAGE STANDINGS

Varsity Scores Dec. 19 El Segundo 61, Torrance 33. Narbonne 33, Gardena 21. Banning 25, San Pedro 21.

Class B Games El Segundo 48, Torrance 13. Narbonne 32, Gardena 27. San Pedro 12, Banning 10.

Varsity Standings table with columns for School, W, L, Pct.

WHAT'S THE USE?

In the face of heavy losses by the armed forces of the world, the local loss of lives in traffic seems paltry indeed. But our defense workers are the second line of defense. A death in these ranks aids our enemies as surely as a casualty in the front lines. Don't slow production by unsafe driving habits! Drive to live, and live to drive.

There are about 100 "private" streets in New York City, of which Rockefeller Plaza, near "Radio City" is the most famous.

The tung oil crop of the U. S. will approximate five million pounds this year.

SANTA ANITA MAY OPEN JANUARY 15

Acting upon the statement of Lt. General John De Witt of the Fourth Army Command that "if by Jan. 15 or any other date the situation is alleviated, there would be no objection to the opening of Santa Anita," full speed ahead was ordered in preparation for the deferred opening of the Los Angeles Turf Club course.

"I am deeply grateful to the General for his message and I believe because of it he is giving consideration to the part racing can play in stimulating public morale, just as it is doing in England," commented Dr. Charles H. Strub, managing director of the track.

Dr. Strub, who responded promptly to the Fourth Army Commander's request for cancellation of the original opening on Dec. 31, stressed that the track will continue to cooperate in every way possible with the military authorities.

Horsemen at Santa Anita hailed the announcement of the new opening date, which is subject, of course, to official approval. Not one of the 1400 horses on the grounds, representing an investment of some \$6,000,000, shipped away during the brief crisis. Such thoroughbreds as Whirlaway, Challedon and Midland are training steadily on the course.

Sempiro Tourney On Victory Basis In Wichita '42

The 1942 National Sempiro Baseball Tournament will be run on the 1942 victory basis, according to Ray Dumont, president of the National Sempiro Baseball Congress at Wichita.

The winner will get \$7,500 in defense bonds. Entry fees will be paid in defense stamps and admission fees will also be collected in the same kind of tender.

The Torrance American Legion post which sponsored the 1941 California Sempiro baseball tournament at the city park last summer has not yet indicated whether or not it will conduct the 1942 playoff for the state championship.

HEADS UP!

Absent-minded pedestrians are a menace to themselves and others. Don't allow yourself to be carried away with war talk to the exclusion of safe-walking principles. A pedestrian injured in traffic, due to his own thoughtlessness, is as great a drain to national security as a soldier injured in line of duty.

The railway labor force of the United States reached the highest point of a decade last Oct.

Advertisement for Pilgrim Turkey featuring a turkey illustration and the text "I'M the finest PILGRIM you ever saw!"

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Large advertisement for Sam Levy Department Store featuring "Last minute GIFTS" and a list of clothing items.